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Inventorship .....Dean  
Applicant ..... Microsoft Corporation  
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Title: Interprocess Communication Mechanism For Heterogeneous Computer  
Processes

**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION DATED SEPTEMBER 8, 2003**

**PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.116**

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**AMENDMENTS**

**In the Claims**

No claims have been amended.

Claims 16-21 were previously canceled.

Claims 1-15 and 22-36 are pending and are listed following: